

Mary Jane Marsh Thompson (Samuel) (Milliner)

SAMUEL THOMPSON AND  
MARY J. MARSH THOMPSON



Mary Jane Marsh Thompson, daughter of Eliphus Marsh and Hannah Husted Marsh, was born in Lewisville, Kentucky, September 1, 1829. Her people were early converts to the Mormon Church. They went through all the trials of the Saints in Missouri and Nauvoo. Mary Jane enjoyed the acquaintance and close association of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his family. She was a third cousin of the Prophet and was baptized by him. She was in Nauvoo at the time of the martyrdom and she saw the bodies of the Prophet and his brother, Hyrum, as they lay in the Mansion House.

While in Nauvoo she met and married Jacob Lance. In 1849, Mr. Lance, with his wife and two children started the long journey west. While in Winter Quarters their third child was born. Mary Jane's father died before they left Nauvoo; her mother and family traveled with them across the plains. They reached the Great Salt Lake Valley in 1850. The Marsh and Lance families had a difficult journey. They used their milk cows to help transport them and their goods.

Jacob Lance took his family to American Fork after reaching Utah. There two more children were born to them. Mr. Lance died in American Fork, leaving his widow with four young children. After a number of years Mrs. Lance moved to Midway, where she met and married E. B. White. To this union were born three children. Mr. White died from the effects of a sunstroke. After a few years of widowhood, she married Samuel

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Thompson of Midway. He was President of the High Priest Quorum. They had two children. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson lived happily together until Brother Thompson died at the age of ninety. By this time Mary Jane's family was pretty well grown up. Her children were a great comfort to her. She took up spinning, using both the spinning wheel and weaving on a hand loom. She enjoyed making clothes for her family. They were all warm and neatly clad in garments of her making from wool cleaned, carded, spun, woven, and sewn by her own hands. She also wove many carpets. Into her work she not only put rags stretched at the fireside, but something of her own sympathy and love. She was expert at braiding straw and making straw hats.

She died in Park City, October 26, 1913, at the age of 84.

Children of Mary Jane Marsh Lance White Thompson:

First Marriage

Hannah Melissa Lance, married Moroni Blood;

Orson Lance, married Melvina Love;

Mahalia Lance, married John Peterson;

Myron Eliphus Lance, married Elvira Wing;

Olive Lucretia Lance, married Mr. Ludlow, later Mr. Williams, later Mr. Coffin.

Second Marriage

George C. White, married Jane Bectell;

Loema Ann White, married Abram Shields, later Robert Mitchell, later Mr. Woodcock;

Alice White, married John R. Vail, later Samuel O'Neil.

Third Marriage

Samuel Thompson, married Eliza Blood;

Mary Jane Thompson, married Christian Mitchell.

1829-1913  
Mary Jane Marsh:

F = Eliphus Marsh

M = Hannah Husted

Mary Jane Marsh md:

(1) Jacob Lance

(2) E B White

(3) Samuel Thompson  
-son

00 Aug 1845

may be erroneous

00 1857 Am Fork x 1827  
00 1864 John Cornelius Brink White  
00 1867 Then Samuel Thompson